

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide assistance to small systems for use
in complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—109th Cong., 2d Sess.

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Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior,
environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year
ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CRAIG (for
himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. ALLARD)

Viz:

1 On page 128, between lines 3 and 4, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 5 ____ . RELIEF FOR SMALL SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
7 mental Protection Agency.

8 (2) SMALL SYSTEM.—The term “small system”
9 means a small public water system eligible to receive

1 a variance under section 1415(e) of the Safe Drink-
2 ing Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g-4(e)).

3 (b) SMALL SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

4 Of the amounts made available under the heading
5 “SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY” in title II, not less than
6 \$5,500,000 shall be used by the Administrator to develop
7 alternative technologies to comply with the disinfection by-
8 products rules and regulations described in clauses (ii) and
9 (iii) of subsection (c)(1)(A).

10 (c) THIRD-PARTY STATE ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Using not less than
12 \$5,500,000 of the amounts made available under the
13 heading “ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MAN-
14 AGEMENT” in title II, the Administrator shall carry
15 out a competitive grant program to provide addi-
16 tional assistance under section 1452(q) of the Safe
17 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(q)) to small
18 systems and qualified (as determined by the Admin-
19 istrator) organizations for use in addressing State
20 needs, including for use in—

21 (A) complying with—

22 (i) the standard for arsenic promul-
23 gated in the final rule entitled “National
24 Primary Drinking Water Regulations; Ar-
25 senic and Clarifications to Compliance and

1 New Source Contaminants Monitoring”
2 (66 Fed. Reg. 6976 (January 22, 2001));

3 (ii) the final rule entitled “National
4 Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Dis-
5 infectants and Disinfection Byproducts”
6 (63 Fed. Reg. 69390 (December 16,
7 1998)); and

8 (iii) other regulations promulgated in
9 accordance with the Safe Drinking Water
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) relating to
11 disinfection byproducts, wastewater per-
12 mits, and source water protection; and

13 (B) completing and submitting applications
14 for funding assistance.

15 (2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under
16 paragraph (1), the Administrator shall give priority
17 to small systems and qualified (as determined by the
18 Administrator) organizations that have the most
19 support (or a majority of support) from small com-
20 munities in each State.